

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## The Church of God— A Visible Organization

Mattie Buckalew

The name of this organization is the Church of God. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28. Praise God, she was named by Christ Himself, she was named as a family in honor of the Father. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3:14, 15.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." Rev. 3:12. "For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called." Isa. 54:5.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

The Church of God is a divine organization. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21:3. "And I will set my tabernacle among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people." Lev. 26:11, 12.

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." 2 Cor. 6:16.

The Church of God is a visible organization—the light of the world as a city set on the hill. "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18. "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:15.

The Church of God is composed of saved men and women, hence visible. Praise God. Listen, "Now are ye the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Cor. 12:27, 28. "Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." Rom. 12:8. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." 1 Tim. 5:17. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17.

The discipline of the Church of God is the New Testament, which is a perfect law of government. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man

of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. "Thy righteousness, is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth." Psa. 119:142. And as Moses called on all that prevailed with God or Israel and said unto them, Hear, O Israel the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ear this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them. Amen.

Tampa, Fla.

To Brother Tomlinson, Evangel Readers and All the Saints—Greetings:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." Psa. 105:1.

Since Brother Stephens came last November, we have had great meetings with the blessed manifestations and power of God in our midst. Souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. The sick have been healed and many have been added to the dear Church of God. She is still on the rock, Hallelujah.

Brother Peavy has been with us also and God has blessed his ministry among us. We praise God for sending him to help us here. And it is always a great inspiration to have our overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Lee, in our midst. Brother Lemons and Brother and Sister Efford Haynes made an evangelistic tour to Florida and were with us ten days. Praise God, Oh praise Him for this great feast.

Brother Lemons is better on the teaching of the precious Bible than ever before. All were benefited. Hallelujah. We can't praise God enough for it all and for the dear saints in our band here. It seemed like "old times" as the saints gathered here from all around to attend the meeting. To Him we give all the glory for love and unity and His power among us and the good accomplished.

We have four deacons in our church who are rooted and grounded in the faith and in the church. We have a good live Sunday school. Brother Marvin Waldron is our superintendent. We are improving on many lines. Praise God.

Brother Stephens, his deacons and the entire church have labored faithfully to get a home for our pastor. God honored us and we are so grateful that our pastor can have a permanent home and not have to be moving from house to house. Oh 'tis grand and God gave it to us. We praise Him for everything and for everyone that helped us.

Last week we had house cleaning. Our hearts ached and bled for the unruly ones, but His Word must be obeyed. I feel sure there never was a conference like that. The Holy Ghost fell in mighty sealing power, shouting, dancing and messages filled the house. Everyone present was under the power. Glory! Glory!

The subject of tithing was brought up, some do not tithe. A sister filled with the power delivered a message. She walked over for the Bible, she held it up high with one hand as she walked up and down, presently it opened wide and after she laid it down I took the Bible and the Lord had opened it at Malachi, 3rd chapter. Well it is coming, submit—obey God and the Holy Ghost—march on—keep fat in your soul, fail to do this and leanness will be your portion.

I am still working all over the city, everywhere and every time I can, in the jail, in the homes, on the street, and in the church, as my Master did. The fire is in my soul, it never goes out. "It is out in the field that I meet my love." Hallelujah!

He said occupy till I come. I want to be serving, and I mean to be busy till He comes or calls. Work! Work! Please pray for me.

Yours in His name,  
Rosa B. Murphy.

## The Hidden Evil in Spiritualism

Rosa Bevil

I feel that God requires me to write my experience that I have had with Spiritualism. I have been a medium controlled by the spirits that claim to be the spirits of our departed friends, and I thought they were at that time; but I found to my sorrow that they were not. I could recognize their voices as that of my friend's voices and they could hold a conversation with me as complete as if it had been someone talking to me. They talked to me about the same things that my friends talked to me about while they were living, but I found them to be "seducing spirits of the devil."

The devil knows all about our folks and just how they look and just what they talked about while in this life; therefore he knows just what to say to make us believe it is our friends, for he can represent them so completely to us. Then they began to tell me how I should live and it is not the way the Bible says to live. But of course anyone believing them to be angels from heaven thinks what they say is true but as the devil deceived Eve in the beginning by misrepresenting God's Word to her, he is now misrepresenting the Scripture to us by deceiving lies through Spiritualism. 2 Pet. 2:1-3. I believe it is what the Scripture calls "doctrine of devils" and many now are following after their pernicious ways. The Bible tells us that there would be false prophets who should deceive many, and I can say it is true, for I was deceived by one of them and it was in the form of a spiritual medium.

Judging by the wonderful things that are coming to pass I believe that we are living in the latter days. The Scripture tells us that they are the "spirits of devils" working miracles and wonders. See Rev. 16:14. I know when I was a medium I could do wonderful things just by those spirits, some of which are as follows. I could tell fortunes and when I told them I would take hold of a person's hand and tell them to look in my face. My face would draw in the shape of their friend's face that the spirit claimed to be and my voice would change and sound just like their voice. I had never seen the person in my life that the spirit claimed to be. The spirit controlled my tongue so that I could hold the same conversation with them that they talked about when they were together. They confessed that what I said was true, but it was the spirit controlling my tongue. I never knew what I was going to say until I would hear what I had said. One spirit said it was the Spirit of Christ and that when he would talk to me my eyes would turn cross-eyed. That would represent the cross that Jesus was crucified on. Then in a short time my eyes would turn cross-eyed and the spirit would talk so religiously that I thought sure it was Jesus talking to me. I know now that it was not Jesus. I also had hand-writings written by the spirit with my own fingers. I would hold the pencil very loose in my fingers, then the spirit would move my hand as fast as a sewing machine needle bar when sewing, so fast that I could not see I was making any letters at all, until my hand would stop. Then there would be a message written in a nice plain business hand and composed as good as if I had known just what I was going to write, but I did not know until I saw what was written.

I had been practicing Spiritualism quite awhile, when one day it seemed to me that part of the heavens opened and Jesus revealed Himself to me and there seemed to be a multitude of angels robed in white with Him and He said to me, "That

is not the spirit of your friends which talk to you, it is the seducing spirits of the devil you are possessed of." His power was so mighty that He made an open show of those spirits to me and I could see the spirits in my body. The moment that Jesus exposed them to me they began to cry out and say. "Oh you are lost now, for you had been a good Christian nine years and now you have been possessed with our spirits and us, the spirits of the devil." They confessed themselves that they were the spirits of the devil. They knew they could not make me believe any longer that they were my friends, even though they could make their voices sound just like them. But they never tried that any more. If I had never heard the name of Jesus I would have known that the Savior's name was Jesus, for it was all made known to me then. The majority of the spiritualists don't believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He is the Savior. But if I had no other evidence than that, I would believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He is the Savior. For I know He is the one that cast those spirits out of me when I called upon Him. Although at the very time He called me out of that delusion of the devil I was believing very wicked things about Him that those evil spirits had told me. That is why the Spiritualists do not believe in Him because the evil spirits claim to be the spirit of a friend that is dead and they say they found it is not true the way the Bible teaches. Many people are now believing those lies instead of God's Word.

Oh, praise the dear heavenly Father, and the blessed Son, Jesus, for loving me so much as to take me out of this terrible trap of the devil when I was so unworthy of His love. I had been converted nine years before this happened and sanctified four years before. But they came in such religious forms that I thought it was God's will or I never would have gone so deep in it. Oh, I do wish I could expose it to everyone upon the earth, as there are so many being misled by it now who would be true children for Christ if it were not for that hidden evil which Jesus only can break the delusion of. Praise His dear name. He can. None can see the sin in it until they are already under the power and many never see the sin until death exposes it to them. To their sorrow and horror and find they have accepted the devil instead of the precious Savior who died to save them from so great a punishment and was willing to make them joint heirs with Himself in the kingdom of heaven, with an everlasting life of happiness if they would only accept God's Word, the Bible way. I found I had to come back the Bible way before I could be saved, and plead to God to save me for Jesus' sake, and save me only for the price Jesus paid Him for my sins which was His own precious blood. O, I do praise His dear name.

After I found I was possessed of the devil I said to those spirits: "Satan, I will not serve you." I sat down and wrote a piece for the newspapers to warn the people not to go where there was anyone under the influence of these spirits, as there is danger of becoming defiled by them. When I began to write the spirits began to shake my hands again, that was before Jesus had cast the spirits out of my body and the Lord impressed me to just let the spirit write a message and see what he would write since he had been exposed to me and my hand moved so fast, just as I had already explained to you. I could not see what I was writing and the message read as follows: "O, yes I know I am in the way of a great many of you good Christians," and signed his name "Devil" at the close of it. I sat and looked at that message in great astonishment to think how true it is that there

is a devil and he is so wise and has so much power to deceive us.

I believe the way he deceives most people is to make them neglect their salvation. The Scripture says "How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" It is plain to see that most people are neglecting their salvation. Dear reader, if you are not already saved awaken to your opportunity in Christ. Repent and be baptized that you may be saved, for it is just the same old wise devil that is causing you to neglect your salvation. For no doubt the Holy Ghost has often put it in your heart that you ought to get saved. Then the old devil would just spring up and say, "O, I would not to-night, there is plenty of time yet." He may know then that death is not far off from you, so awake and don't be deceived by him any longer. He may try to make you believe that Jesus would not save anyone like you. He often brings such thoughts to anyone who is thinking of getting saved but Jesus will save you, if you ask Him in faith.

After Jesus took me out of Spiritualism He impressed me to warn others as I had a thorough experience and knew about it. I was considered the greater medium in Indianapolis, Ind., at that time. The Lord impressed me to write my experience and send a copy to each and every minister of whom I can find the name and address, and let them warn the people from the pulpit, to give them to anyone I can and to do anything that I can to expose it. Please help me to do so by giving this your attention, for it is God who has brought it about so as to have it reach you. Tell them to take warning from one who has been so unfortunate as to have this sad but true experience. For my tongue could not explain the most horrible thing which I experienced with those devils, after the Lord exposed them to me, until He cast them out of me. I could feel them leave me as plainly and completely as I could feel myself breathe.

Please read what the Scripture says about these spirits. I will give you the Scriptural references on this subject and you can plainly see that my experience and the Scriptures both agree that it is the work of the devil. I call "Spiritualism." "The trap door to hell, covered over with flowers." BEWARE OF IT!

Please read very carefully in 2 Pet. 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-3; Jude 15, 25; Rev. 16:14; 1 Tim. 4:1, 5. Acts 16:16-18; 1 Chr. 10:13, 14; Rev. 19:20.

Atlanta, Ga.

To the Household of Faith—  
May God's Richest Blessings  
Be Upon All:

Dear beloved, I praise God for the opportunity to take the Bible training lessons. To study and learn God's Word is the road to success.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1. Jesus said heaven and earth would pass away but His Word would not pass away. If the Word of Jesus abides in our hearts and we abide in Christ, we can ask the Father what we will and He will grant it.

Beloved, we need our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel and know how to divide the Word of truth. Many have tried to discourage me and tell me that the Bible and the Holy Ghost with the help of God on high is all I need. But dear ones, those who have spent their time in studying the Bible can help us to learn it.

The time is short and we need all the help we can get so that we may be able to help others. Many people are going down the broad way to destruction.

Join in with us and take the Bible lessons, they will help you. Praise God.

Myrtle Voyles.

## Dedication and Camp Meeting Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints and Readers of the Evangel Everywhere—Greetings in the Dear Name of Jesus:

Our new church was dedicated unto the Lord, May 16. This was a great day with the saints and friends here. Much joy and gladness prevailed over the vast audience.

First, we met in the old church and after the benediction was pronounced we formed a line and marched over to the new church singing and praising God. The procession came near the main door and halted. The pastor opened the door and all began to sing, Our Lord Return to Earth Again, while the saints marched in the friends and visitors following until the church was filled, many had to remain outside. The congregation yet standing sang, The City of the Lord is Coming Down. During this time and later there was much rejoicing, shouting and talking in tongues. When all were seated the pastor read the 62nd chapter of Isaiah. Then all the saints fell upon their faces with much prayer, supplication and thanksgiving to God.

Then the pastor came forward and read the dedication ceremony which in part he said, "We began the work of excavating for the foundation of this present building Feb. 9, 1920 at 8 A. M. The first stone was laid by the masons Feb. 16 at 1:05 P. M. The work was continued for eighty-four days or twelve weeks, which has brought us to the present hour. Amen. We do now dedicate this building to God, our Father, which art in heaven; as the Church of God meeting house forever. To Him be all the glory now and forever more." Amen. The trustees were called forward and stood before the pastor and he presented to them the deeds and keys of the property and then offered a short prayer to God to accept the property.

We then sang, Gathering Beautiful Sheaves. The saints and friends were asked to give a freewill offering to the Lord on the building and in less than fifteen minutes, there was put into the box which the pastor's wife decorated and put in large letters on the outside (Church of God), \$300.59. This was also a cause of great rejoicing and thanks to God.

Sunday night the camp meeting opened with a large crowd. The Lord set His approval on each service and every night the altar was filled with seekers and some prayed through to victory. There were twenty-two saved, twelve sanctified and six baptized with the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4. Eighteen were added to the Church of God and sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. The dear old Church of God is being felt in this city and many precious souls are looking this way. Hallelujah. We are looking for the Lord to soon return and catch away His people.

Pray much for us here and the work in this state.

Yours in the harvest field for Jesus,

Thos. J. Richardson.  
Miami, Fla.

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The work on the Auditorium is still moving on.

A song-book famine is on now. We can't fill the orders because we can't get the books. But we hope to get them soon.

The Evangel campaign is still on. Its lovers are still renewing at \$2.00. Many thanks. Please keep this up till every subscriber is paid up and in advance.

Remember that it is an order by the Assembly for every Sunday-school to tithe their offerings and send to headquarters to create a Sunday school mission fund.

Write for price list of Bibles.

The fans are still going. All right! Yes, this is the time of year to use them. Remember each fan carries a gospel message. Get them and give to your friends. Some have been led into "this way" by the fans. Old stock 35c per doz. \$2.25 per 100. New stock 50c per doz. \$2.60 per 100.

We have a few more Instructions on the whole Bible by M. S. Lemons. 25c each.

The prospectus of the Bible Training School which opens Sept. 27 in Evangel Office Building is now ready. If you are interested in this school write for it. It is free for the asking.

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The enemy of our souls is against us, but the Lord is for us, and He will direct His work in a way that His Church will ride triumphantly over every foe. Let every member draw very near to God and get fired up with the most Holy Zeal that can be given by the blessed Holy Ghost and good judgment. Praise the Lord.

**CAMP MEETING** at Greenville S. C. will begin July 21, 1920 and continue indefinitely. Every body invited. Come prepared to camp and have a good time with the Lord.

W. H. Cross in charge. Other workers will be present to assist.

Arthur Fortner, Cliffview, Va. requests special prayer for healing.

## Requests

Belle Siler, Oneida, Tenn., requests prayer of the saints for the healing of her throat.

S. E. Martin, Eastman, Miss., wants the saints to earnestly pray that she may stay humble.

Mrs. P. J. Blount, Sarasota, Fla., requests prayer of the saints that she may be born again. John 3:3.

J. E. Landrome, Boaz, Ala., wants the saints to pray for the healing of his daughter and her baby.

Mrs. G. R. Hobgood, Moultrie, Ga., asks the saints to pray for the healing of her body and that she may have a deeper love for Jesus.

Emma Woods Lawrence, Marietta, Ga., requests the saints to pray for the healing of her body and that she may stay humble before God.

Effie Martin, Lenoir City, Tenn., asks the saints to earnestly pray for the Lord to open up the way for them to have a church house to worship in.

Minnie Brooks, Armathwaite, Tenn., wants the saints to pray for her unsaved loved ones. Also pray that she may serve God, launch out into the deep and gather in souls for Jesus.

Selma J. Hadsock, Lakeland, Fla., asks prayer of the saints that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. There is no Church of God there and they would like for some one who had a tent to come and hold a meeting.

E. S. Peck, Parkersburg, W. Va., asks special prayer of all the churches combined that the Lord will lay His healing hand on his body and heal him so that he can again be out on the battlefield for lost souls.

Annie Douglas, Ft. White, Fla., requests prayer of the saints that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also pray that her loved ones may be led to Christ. And pray that her father may be released from prison.

C. E. Hogam, Huddleston, Va., wants the saints to earnestly pray for the healing of his body and that he may receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray for a sick lady that she may be saved. He also requests the saints to continue praying for his daughter, she is better but has not her right mind yet.

## Notice

A revival meeting will begin at Gatewood, eight miles West of Coffeeville, Miss., July 24, 1920. Brother M. S. Lemons and Brother H. A. Pressgrove will be in charge. Everybody invited to attend. Pray for a great revival at that place.

Walter Walker.

## Request

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus! Dear Name:

I am glad and thankful to tell you and all the Evangel family what the Lord has done for me. Praise His name.

I have been a weak and helpless invalid for over sixteen years but how I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He has healed me so that I can walk through my house alone and sit up some. I owe it all to God's goodness and mercy and to His faithful saints for their many prayers.

I have improved so much in every way, yet I want you and all the Evangel readers to pray for God to continue His healing and make me well for His glory. Also pray that I may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I want to be able to join the great Church of God.

A friend of the church, Florence Lollar, Brookside, Ala.

## Notice

A protracted meeting will begin at Stonefield church, near Casilla, Miss., Saturday, July 17, 1920, and continue ten days or longer. Also a meeting will

begin at Shady Grove, Miss., Aug. 7, 1920, and continue ten days or longer. Brother E. B. Gulpepper, overseer of state and J. L. Thornhill, district overseer will have charge of the meetings. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these meetings. Come praying. We want to see souls get to God.

Yours for Jesus,  
E. L. Thornhill.

## Home Mission Receipts

Church, Sprigs Chapel, Ga.,	50
Bethel, Ga.,	1 00
Pates Temple, Miss.,	1 35
Valdosta, Ga.,	2 25
Somerset, Ky.,	2 20
Toonigh, Ga.,	1 74
F. A. Richard, Nashville, Tenn.,	49
Church, Morgantown, Miss.,	2 92
Bompas Creek, Ill.,	1 90
Mullens, S. C.,	2 85
Elizabethton, Tenn.,	1 00
Mineral Ridge, Tenn.,	1 40
Sobel, Tenn.,	24
East Chattanooga, Tenn.,	1 50
Zirkle, Ga.,	1 37
Spring Place, Ga.,	3 20
Flatt River, Mo.,	3 44
Marcoe, Ill.,	60
Campaign, Tenn.,	3 24
Bassenger, Fla.,	20
Church, Berryton, Ga.,	8 46
Sikeston, Mo.,	2 00
Douglasville, Ga.,	4 31
Providence, Tenn.,	1 62
Mabel McDavid, Nashville, Tenn.,	09
Church, Kimberly, Ala.,	6 23
Jupiter, Fla.,	1 00
Hartwell, Ga.,	2 28
Broad Creek, N. C.,	3 23
Hazlehurst, Ga.,	1 28
Offerman, Ga.,	1 63
Thurber, Texas,	1 00
Union Grove, Miss.,	2 00
Equality, Ill.,	1 10
Honey Comb Rock, Ill.,	3 70
Pell City, Ala.,	22 81
Sweetwater, Tenn.,	36
A. Hargrove, Philadelphia, Pa.,	50
Sunday School, Lenoir City, Tenn.,	33
E. D. Johnson, Pulaski, Va.,	2 50
Church, Pratt City, Ala.,	3 75
Omaha, Ark.,	1 50
T. J. Sanders, Tampa, Fla.,	5 00
Sunday School, East Chattanooga, Tenn.,	99
Church, West Toledo, Ohio,	3 55
Logan, Ill.,	4 35
Poplar Grove, Ark.,	2 95
Cantwell, Mo.,	2 25
Danville, Va.,	6 13
Pulaski, Va.,	2 75
Marion, Va.,	4 50
McMinnville, Tenn.,	2 09
New Bethel, Tenn.,	66
Crown Hill, W. Va.,	1 07
Canton, N. C.,	20
Sunday School, Glatto, W. Va.,	1 00
Church, Crab Orchard, Tenn.,	2 65
Kentwood, La.,	2 82
Tampa, Fla.,	2 70
Rock Hill, S. C.,	1 25
Church, Bell, Fla.,	1 25
Stoughton, Ky.,	2 00
Paris, Texas,	2 05
White Oak Flat, Tenn.,	1 03
Logan, W. Va.,	3 75
Eldorado, Ill.,	7 35
West Frankfort, Ill.,	5 52
Alva, Fla.,	2 40
Largo, Fla.,	10 50
Tarpon Springs, Fla.,	5 00
Wimauna, Fla.,	7 58
Jesup, Ga.,	85
Hiwassee, Tenn.,	60
J. H. Curry, Miami, Fla.,	50
Church, East Toledo, Ohio,	12 70
Rossville, Ga.,	2 72
Matthews, Ga.,	98
Greenville, S. C.,	1 00
Broxton, Ga.,	75

## Foreign Mission Receipts

A. B. Allison, Pulaski, Va.,	\$3 00
Church, Germantown, Pa.,	75
Tobasco, Col.,	50
Dora, Ala.,	4 60
Dorrisville, Ill.,	3 00
East Chattanooga, Tenn.,	1 50
Jacksonville, Ala.,	3 46
Manatee, Fla.,	2 51
Thurber, Texas,	1 00
E. D. Johnson, Pulaski, Va.,	2 50
T. J. Sanders, Tampa, Fla.,	5 00
Church, Greenville, S. C.,	1 09

## Notices

A revival meeting will begin at Tusquitee, Hayesville, N. C. R. 1, on Thursday, August 5, 1920. Brother Henry Murphy of Rome, Ga., will be in charge. Everybody welcome. Come and be with us and enjoy a feast on the good things of the Lord.

A camp meeting will begin at Jacksonville, Ala., July 17, 1920. Brother R. M. Gallups and Brother W. T. Alkin in charge. All preachers and workers are invited and especially hungry souls who want to seek God. All

come prepared to stay through the meeting. Arrangements will be made. For information write, Brother J. L. Johnson, Jacksonville, Ala.

To the Saints and Readers of the Evangel:

We expect to have a meeting at Cagle's Cross Road, Miss., beginning July 28, and will continue a week or ten days as the Lord may direct.

Brother Culpepper will be in charge and other helpers whom he may bring. We cordially invite all the members to come and every one who wants to labor for the Master. If we prepare our selves for the battle God will surely win the victory.

Pray for real love and unity to prevail throughout the services.

Yours for lost souls,  
Maud Medlin, clerk.

To the Churches of God in Europa District:

This is to certify that R. C. Price and J. C. Dunaway have been dealt with by the authorities of the Church of God and their credentials have been revoked. All members of the churches have been warned against them and do not ask them to come for meeting. We warn all against them for they are teaching poisonous doctrine. The churches of this district include the following: Jones' Chapel, William's Springs, New Bethel and Mt. Olive.

C. A. Churchill, district pastor.

## Gone Home

Brother G. M. D. Rowland, one of our beloved evangelists in the Church of God, died June 26, 1920, and is now with the redeemed in glory.

Brother Rowland was one of the pioneer holiness preachers in this section of the country. When he first realized the sanctifying blood, many of his acquaintances turned their backs on him, but the Christ whose blood sanctified him stuck closer to him than a brother. He preached the doctrine against much opposition, backed up by a straight clean life so that many of his opposers were convinced and sought this blessing and are to-day preaching this wonderful work of grace which they once opposed.

When this brother was convinced that he did not receive the Holy Ghost when he was sanctified, he at once began to tarry for the Comforter and received Him. The Holy Ghost truly was a Comforter to him in his last days of suffering. Frequently this wonderful indwelling person would shake his body and cause the glory of the Lord to be seen on his face.

In his death his companion lost a loving true husband, his children a godly father and the Church of God a loyal minister.

At his request the writer and Brother G. Huston conducted the funeral service.

His pastor,  
E. J. Boehmer.

## Gone But Not Forgotten

On the morning of June 29, 1920, the death angel claimed our brother, George G. Randle of Cullman, Ala. He passed quietly away to be with Jesus.

He died as he had lived trusting God for his body and refused medicine or doctor. He was patient and humble and would always greet you with a smile, although his body was paralyzed and helpless. The saints met and prayed with him a number of times but God saw fit to take him. He was a true member of the Church of God at Helicon and to know him was to love him. On being asked if he was ready to go he said, "Yes, just waiting for the summons."

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, one son and daughter, brother, half brothers, mother, stepfather and a host of relatives and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

He requested the band to play at his funeral and for Brothers Robert E. Denson and George H. Parris to conduct the service.

A face is absent from our midst,  
A voice we loved is still;  
A place is vacant in his home,  
That never can be filled.

One who loved him.  
I. O. M.

Brother C. C. Shaffer, the son

of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shaffer was born Jan. 12, 1892, and died June 28, 1920, age 28 years, 5 months and 16 days.

His boyhood days at home were marked with obedience and sincerity and walking in his father's commandments making his life at home and among his associates one of love and sunshine.

His Christian parents taught him the way of the Lord from his childhood and at the age of sixteen he became a member of the Methodist church, confessing his faith in Jesus Christ.

On Dec. 16, 1911, he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Lizzie Kate Womack and lived happily with her until his death.

His faithful companion said, Our married life has been a beautiful life to us both, he was always kind to the children and me and was faithful in supporting his family. He always left us in the morning with a smile and met us at night with a smile and some comforting words, making life to the children and me a great ray of sunshine and love.

One of his great wishes and ambitions was to make the world better by his being in it. He desired for his companion the same and that their children might bless the world and glorify God.

His last testimony and parting words were: "Mother dear, I am going to leave you now, do the best you can for the babies and meet me in heaven. I know that I am saved and ready to go to be with Jesus. You have been a good girl to me. I want you to look to the Lord for everything, remembering His wonderful promise to us, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' Do not grieve after me, I am now passing from strife and pain to joy unspeakable. I am now through with this world of its many, many cares. You go to the Lord and He will help you to bear it. Beatrice, you obey your mother, be a good girl and go to Sunday school and live a Christian life so that when you come to leave this world you may, like papa, be ready to go. Write to the boys in Denver and tell them my sufferings are over, that I am now resting in the arms of the Lord, and I am going to expect them all to meet me where there is no pain, sorrow nor tears."

During his last illness he was constantly speaking of God and His great power and if he should get well he would work for Him. He bore his suffering with perfect meekness and praising the Lord. He often called for his Christian friends and asked them to pray for him. He seemed to be living more in the other world than in this one. Just why God did not see fit to heal him and send him out to work for Him we cannot understand.

God said through the prophet Isaiah, "My ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts, for as high as the heavens are above the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

We can only see through a glass darkly now, there are many things we can't understand that will be understood after while, when time has ended and we embark for heaven and meet Jesus, who is the source of all wisdom and understanding. There are many things of a worldly nature that are valuable and people cherish them and hold them very sacred because of their value. But there is nothing in this world so valuable as a passport from earth to heaven. His face will never be seen again this side of the pearly gates and his chair is vacant, but we sorrow not, as those who have no hope.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, two children, a mother, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother G. C. Dunn at his request and his body was laid to rest in the Mt. Marah cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

"So live that when you come to die and the silent hand of death shall summon thee to join that innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his stand in the silent hall of death. Go not as a slave, scourged to his dungeon, at night, but soothed

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and sustained by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

With our spiritual eyes we can look through this vale of tears and in our imagination see him with outstretched arms, looking over the battlements of heaven and saying, come and your souls shall rest. May we all take courage and look up toward the glory land.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. O. Hamilton.

## Battlefield Reports

"Have just closed a two weeks meeting at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Sister Mable McDavid in charge. One was sanctified," reports Mrs. Jone Smith

"We have just closed a weeks meeting at Woodbury, N. J., conducted by Brother W. J. Johnson. One was saved and sanctified and one baptized with the Holy Ghost," reports A. Hargrove.

## District Meeting

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise the Lord for victory in my soul. Praise Him for ever saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost and He still abides today.

We have just had our district meeting on Saturday and Sunday. Our overseer, Brother Llewellyn, was with us and the Lord sure did bless him in giving out the Word. Saints were with us from other churches and the Lord blessed and sent His power in a mighty way. There were several dancing, shouting and talking in tongues under the mighty power of God. Hearts were touched all over the house.

There was one added to the church on Sunday and also baptized in water. The saints were built up with great love.

Pray that I may ever be faithful to the end.

Your brother in Christ,  
G. W. Durham,  
McMinnville, Tenn.

## Report From Kimberlv, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

We have had a wonderful meeting here. Brother and Sister Mathis came here full of the Holy Ghost and on fire for God, and it seemed that every sermon they preached they were anointed anew from on high. God blessed them wonderfully in giving out His Word. I think I can speak for all the saints here. We all feel closer to God and want to do more for Him than ever before.

We have had a Pentecostal shower; there were music, dancing, leaping and talking in tongues. There were fifteen saved, twelve sanctified, nine received the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water and nine were added to the church.

One young lady was very sick with acute indigestion. She sent for the saints to pray for her and she was saved and sanctified. The Lord wonderfully blessed her.

The night the meeting closed it rained very hard. One man who was saved and sanctified during the meeting couldn't bring his wife and children out, but thank God he received the Holy Ghost at home.

Thank God, I feel like shouting now. God is right here and still blessing His children.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may ever stay meek and lowly and hidden behind the cross, ever ready to do His will. Also pray for my unsaved husband.

Your sister under the blood,  
Lillie M. Satterfield.

## Satan As An Angel of Light

(DEMONOLOGY)

F. J. Lee

(Continued from last week)

Satan is pictured many times as a hideous creature having horns and a "spiked tail" and "long claws." I wonder sometimes if he isn't pleased to be represented that way, in fact he does appear in many different ways. According to the Bible, he appears as a serpent, dragon, frogs, vultures etc., then right to the opposite he appears as an angel of light. 2 Cor. 11:14.

While he appears to the vision of men in the figures of the above, as well as many others, he does sometimes appear to some as a bright shining angel. How then are we to know when the angel of the Lord appears if the devil can appear as an angel of light? Oh, it is very necessary for us to live close to God and to know His Word. "For if they speak not according to His Word there is no light in them." Paul said, though "an angel preach any other gospel let him be accursed. Gal. 1:8.

Paul intimates from the above that likely some day a bright shining angel might appear to some with a new doctrine different to that which they had started in; to those who had obtained like precious faith with Peter, Paul and others and were established in the present truth; to these would Satan delight to appear as an angel of light with a new doctrine that he might side track them from the present truth. Paul also says, "It is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness." 2 Cor. 11:15.

The only way that I know to tell the difference in the spiritual visions, revelations etc. is to hold the Word on them, insist that they speak according to the Word. I have heard of several visions that were supposed to have been seen by some. They insisted that they had a great revelation, that they had seen angels and also the Lord Himself had appeared to them and told them that the Church of God wasn't right, but if they should keep looking He would soon establish His church. I will not give the full details of the vision but will say that on the strength of this vision, this party with their family deserted the Church of God and later they were found to be in a worldly backslidden condition. Oh how serious! Why didn't they try the spirit by the Word? I remember very well that these parties were leaning the direction they fell and it is an easy matter for Satan to give a vision if the party is leaning toward the wrong. The devil can touch him just a little with a spiritual vision and push him entirely over on the wrong side, then afterwards he is easily pushed on to a backslidden and sinful life.

One of our ministers related to me a remarkable incident of demon possession. The man was supposed to have been a Christian but was against order, organization etc. or in other words, the Church of God and said many hard things about her officers and leaders. Later a terrible disease of pellagra seized him. Some will say the actions that the man had were according to the peculiarity of the disease. That is true. It is a peculiar disease and in the last stages usually the party loses mental balance and is seemingly controlled and actuated by an unseen force. Here is a thing very noticeable. I have seen people who once had a bright experience of religion and then fall away, afterwards take the pellagra and the devil would harass them till death unless they repented and got back to God. Now I have seen many like this. It seems like this is a special demon that God turns loose on folks who depart from the truth. Yet perhaps not every case.

I remember a young lady in Cleveland, Tenn. who at first had a bright experience. The Lord was wonderfully blessing her, but later she began to get worldly and sit in the seat of the scornful. I had prayed for her, talked to her and tried to persuade her to get back to God but it was of no avail. One

night at a revival meeting I looked at her with pity, then an impression came over me that something was going to overtake the girl. I told her so. Later she realized it was on her for demon and went down very low. She was seized with this pellagra disobeying God. She repented and God gave power to cast the demon out, she was delivered both soul and body.

I have written the above as a kind of parenthesis. I will return to the thought. This man was finally in the last stages of the disease and was taken to the home of this minister who closely waited upon him until he died. This minister was able to keep this man under perfect control but let others go in who were not able through the Spirit to subdue that spirit, it would take as many men as could get about the bed to hold him in, but the minister in charge had only to speak a word and he would quiet down. This demon tried several times to get this minister under his influence by mesmeric action. He at one time felt himself giving way to him and had to rise at once and leave the room.

At one time the minister while watching the fiendish actions of the man arose up in the power of the Spirit and said, "Who are you any way?" The demon spoke out of the man and said, "I am Lucifer," and from that time on the demon was quieter than before, he was now exposed. This man would tell about the actions of different parties in the house and tell about things that no one knew about but them. It was the supernatural power in the man that was speaking through him. The supernatural power also was continually speaking slurring things about the Church of God leaders, especially the General Overseer. Many times when the man would be asleep the minister would hear rappings on the wall but could never find anything, but was confident that it was a demon.

Oh beloved, how important it is to speak according to His Word. This man had not spoken according to His Word, but had willingly submitted to a seducing spirit. When this man would become enraged, it was marvelous how this Church of God minister would stand over him and say, "I know who you are, now be quiet," and he would then quiet down.

Satan as an "Angel of light" had visited this man and led him away from the truth. He had also come in touch with Satan's ministers transformed as the ministers of righteousness" and by yielding to them it opened the door for a demon possession.

(To be continued)

As One Thinketh

Marion T. Whidden

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. Our soul feeds upon the matter of thought—the life giving substance of the soul issues from the heart. If we have life, and have it more abundantly, these life giving issues are pure, gentle, peaceable, easy to be treated, full of mercy, good fruits etc. A heart prompting an abundance of these fruits, portrayed in the every day life of an individual is a vestibule, from which if pursued with all diligence, one will be ushered into life more abundantly.

We see now as through a glass darkly, but then we shall see face to face. In the age of the patriarchs and prophets the workings of the Holy Ghost were limited. Not by the evolution of God's nature, but by the condition of men themselves. The law was first given upon tables of stone and men perceived them naturally. Under the old regime, shall I say under the law and even before the law, God worked inwardly from without. Natural objects, yes, anything to touch his soul, to get his attention—to get him to think. A burning bush, a pillar of cloud, the parting of the waters of the dead sea, anything to get a heart's response.

God stood in the distance, man was an alien to Him. The human heart was as a wandering star. God operated upon the heart as the wind moved the old fashioned vessel by operating upon the sail. He was with

the people in many and varied ways but He did not live in their temple. You are the temple of God, He is with you but shall be in you. This took place when the kingdom of God was preached and men pressed into it—by force.

That was like the modern, powerful, turbine engines where the power is within. The vessel plows through the mighty waves and steadily against the onrush of a turbulent storm. What a difference! That which was limited should become unlimited and that which was bound should be made free.

The laws are now written upon the fleshly tables of the heart and every one can know and rejoice in them. The age in which the old prophet spoke has swept on to its reward and borne the speaker upon the crest of its broken wave and in its wake has arose another which is in the reach of every man. Whosoever will. This is where even the least is greater than the greatest of prophets. Do you know that the kingdom of our God is within your heart? Keep it with all diligence for as you think in your heart so are you.

Paul said, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8. First ascertain the truth, that which is based upon tangible evidence and then think and meditate. Know that you are right, then go ahead. Make a practical application in whatever line you are engaged in and you will be more efficient in the service of your employer. If honest thoughts not only predominate but are one hundred per cent the controlling factor in your every act and your every deed it will be an easy matter to deal honest with your self, your fellow man and with your God.

If you should mete out justice to your client, surely you had better give it a prayerful and careful thought. And as to the things that are pure we will say that this is the ticket that will admit you through the gates of pearl and will give you access into the city of God. They will see God. The fruit of the Spirit which comes from a lovely, godly, sunny life are these: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, against such there is no law. The very personification of freedom itself.

On the other hand there is an awful catalogue of evils given as the fruit of an impure heart, impure thoughts, and an impure life. They are awful, yes awful! What side will you choose? The way to the better is through the garden, via the cross, on to Gethany, to the city of Jerusalem, in the upper room etc. And every precious truth in the holy Scriptures will seek earnestly after your inquiry, when applied will give to your life riches untold. But choosing the contrary leads ultimately to despair, destruction, death and damnation.

If you find it a little difficult to choose this good route, just have the following prescription filled and take according to directions: The first thing upon rising in the morning apply vigorously a large dose of prayer, rub well into the pores of your old seared conscience. Next, upon greeting your family mix thoroughly with pleasant smiles and a good degree of cheerfulness well shaken with confidence and honesty of purpose. Before each meal a full dose of real heart thankfulness to God for the blessing of life sustaining food, sprinkled with a little praise. Before taking up the duties of the daily routine and mixing with your business associates etc. dip a stick tight plaster of pleasant good-mornings into a large bucket filled to the brim with lovely thoughts, apply this right in the center of ridicule oppositions or persecutions and wear this plaster until you are able to run through a troop or leap over a wall before pulling off. Follow intermittently throughout the day with broken doses of meditation upon your

Creator and His Word. Apply to your work one-hundred percent of efficiency mixed with a knack of doing your work a little better than others do theirs. Just before your days work is finished, operate on this by feeling that you have done your duty, and done it well. Then upon greeting your loved ones in the afternoon, sprinkle carefully in their pathway bouquets of cheerfulness, kindness and also apply as freely as possible the comforts of home life etc. Give your child a good dose of the rod of correction when his conduct rises out of the bounds of a well disciplined home. However, don't fail to mix with this a goodly amount of common sense and good judgment. Always keep a supply of this about the place to grease old rusty problems with. Finally, the last thing before retiring bathe thoroughly with a good, warm conscience void of offence toward both God and man.

## Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Altavista, Va. Brothers W. B. Davis of Pulaski, Va. and F. W. Gammon of Danville, Va. were in charge. Sister Virginia Davis of Pulaski, Va. was with us and gave excellent service at the organ. The Word was given out in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. There was dancing under the power and talking in tongues. The organ was played under the power of the Holy Ghost. Messages were given out in other tongues with interpretations. The sick were healed.

Three were saved, four sanctified and three followed the Lord in water baptism and two were added to the church. One man eighty years old came to the altar and the Lord saved him. Our hearts were made to rejoice to hear him tell how God had spared him for eighty years to see this happy day and when Brother Davis led him out in the water to baptize him it made our hearts rejoice.

The whole town was stirred and large crowds came out to hear the Word of God. There are many good people in Altavista looking this way and saying the Church of God is right. Brother Harry Bennett bought a nice lot in a nice location and decided it to the Church of God. And big hearted men and women that were not connected with the church gave freely to help us on the church building. We expect to begin the building soon.

We gave out five hundred tracts and placed the Evangel in some new homes. The church in Altavista is letting her light shine.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Clara Mabe, pastor.

Lagrange, Ga.

To the Church of God Family:  
We have been holding cottage prayer meetings until Brother Lunsford procured a tent. Then we battled for the Lord thirty days in a tent meeting. The power of the Lord was manifested and souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the dear old Church of God. All the saints at this place render double honor to dear Brother Lunsford as a man of God and every one loves his wife and two little girls, both having the Holy Ghost.

We have overcome the wicked one in the face of the foe. The church was set in order at this place with thirty members. The Lord aroused the people of this place with a terrible cyclone, with devastation, misery and death following its wake. Your sister under the blood,  
Mattie Batts, clerk.

Mountain Grove, Mo.

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God for saving sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I am a member of the Church of God and by the help and grace of God I mean to live the rest of my days for Jesus.

I am a girl of thirteen and am glad I found Jesus when I was young.

Your sister in Christ,  
Adele Rathbun.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This morning still finds me with victory in my soul. I am so glad the Holy Ghost still abides.

Last night as I lay upon my bed I saw in a vision two graves open and as I walked up to look into the graves, a great light shone from heaven upon me and our Savior stood in the great light and as He stood there He took me by the hand. Then I saw a great host singing and dancing and playing all kinds of music and among this great host I saw a lot of colored people and they were leaping, dancing and praising God. Such power I had never seen before. This is the coming of Jesus. I don't think it will be long. When I came to myself I was singing with this great host.

A sister in Christ,  
Fannie Berry.

Chipola, La.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I have never written a letter to the Evangel before but have been a subscriber for three or four years. I love the dear little paper and am always glad to see it come. I read it through and then give it to my neighbors.

I am not a member of the Church of God, but it is because I never had an opportunity and when I get to where there is a Church of God I am going to join as it is the only church for me.

with love for our Savior,  
F. R. Church.

Tishomingo, Okla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Family Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for His sweet blessings to us from day to day.

I praise Him for the dear Church of God and her teaching.

The Church of God is going to rise and shine in these last days as never before, however Satan is doing all he can to hinder the good work. Yet, God has promised to be with us all the way, even to the end of the world. Praise His name. I find Him a present help in every time of need.

I am still praising Him for His wonderful healing power. In the winter we all had the influenza and our baby had the pneumonia with it. Our blessed Lord was the only Physician we had.

David said, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psa. 34:19. Bless His dear name. I am so glad that God's Word is true and not one word of all His good promises have ever failed one of His children. We are trusting Him both for soul and body.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Virgie Pritchard.

Lewisburg, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to praise God for His love. He has done so much for me. I was in sin but, He lifted me up and I am going to do all I can to lift Him up. Glory to His sweet name. I am weak but by His help I will go all the way with Him.

I ask the saints to pray for my husband and daughter that they may be saved and ready for the coming of Jesus.

I have believed in holiness for about four years and joined the Pentecostal church but I have changed now and am a member of the dear old Church of God, just where I want to be. Praise God.

Pray for my family. I am determined to hold out till Jesus comes.

Your sister in Jesus' name,  
Mrs. Mae Tidwell.

## Is Death the Last Stage of Man?

D. R. Holcomb

We find some people who say when a man dies he is no more. In all the history of this world there is only one event which bridges over the awful space between this world, where all the living perish and pass away, and that other world where all the living shall grow in strength and joy forever.

The grandest and most significant event that ever took place on this earth is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. A true and perfect man came forth from the grave with all the grace of living and perfect manhood. After He had passed through the dread reality of death He stood forth alive before the friends who knew Him best and invited them to handle His body and to examine the print of the nails which they had seen driven in His hands and feet, also the gash of the spear they had seen thrust into His side. He subjected to one tremendous and most incredible fact of His rising from the dead. The very tests which the most natural and worldly minds rely upon, the test of the senses.

O! ye who are afraid to die, to whom the name of death is a perpetual horror, hear the voice of the angel of the resurrection, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Yours will not be a lowlier bed when you are laid down to your last repose. If you know the power of His resurrection, if Christ be in you the hope of glory, you can rest in the place where the Prince of life lay. You can enter the conflict with the dread power of death assured that the victory is already gained.

If it were not for the resurrection of the dead the preaching of the gospel would be in vain. Take from us the hope that our loved ones will live again and we have no hope beyond the grave. Paul said, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." 1 Cor. 15:13, 14.

"Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God, that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." 1 Cor. 15:15-19.

Oh! gloomy picture indeed. But Paul continues, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." 1 Cor. 15:20-23.

O, glorious truth of the resurrection. It makes this whole life different from what it seems, even death is changed. The countless millions who have died are not wholly done with life—the long, long file of the dead will return, some to everlasting life and some to everlasting death.

The numberless funeral trains have through the ages made the journey to the cities of the dead, but not to leave their charges there forever. Tears innumerable are shed over the departed but they will be wiped away at the resurrection of the righteous. Thank God. The black pall of mourning will give place to the joy and light of the resurrection morn.

Even now we may rejoice over death, knowing that our God has triumphed over it and gives us the victory. "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19. There are two classes of the dead to be raised, the righteous and the wicked; two kinds of rewards, eternal life and eternal death. Two resurrections—A resurrection of the righteous when Jesus comes (1 Thes. 4:16-18), and a

resurrection of the wicked at the end of the thousand years. "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Rev. 20:5, 6.

"There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24:15. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." 1 Thes. 4:13, 14.

Jesus is not in Joseph's tomb now. He lives and through Him all the dead will live—even before His death He said, "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25. "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." Acts 2:24.

Neither is it possible for death to hold the captives whom He has set free, for in His resurrection the power of death was broken and after He ascended to the throne He sent back the cheering words, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:18.

Millen, Ga.

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

While I was in the army at Camp Wheeler, I visited the Church of God at Augusta. The Lord wonderfully blessed me in giving out the Word and testifying for His goodness to me. After I was discharged from the army a friend in Augusta said he thought I was just professing salvation so that I could be exempt from combatant service in the army but as soon as I could get out I would let my salvation go. But he was convinced otherwise. I yet have the experience and also the noncombatant attitude and even more so from a Scriptural standpoint.

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and faith of the saints." Rev. 13:10. Some one may say that swords are not used now but something more destructive takes their place. Listen, to the remainder of the verse, "Here is the faith and patience of the saints." By His help I mean to have patience and be faithful and if I am killed with the sword, let it be for the cause of Christ.

While I was living in Augusta in 1919, the Lord gave me two messages in writing, the first was thus: "Love all and never be discouraged and stand true." Second: "Stand true, preach the Word in its purity regardless of the theories and ideas of men."

While attending a meeting at Quitman, Ga., much was said concerning the church and the Lord gave me two more messages which are, "My people shall stand clean, erect and pure." The second was: "Never be discouraged, press on, stand true." Interpretation was given by C. A. Culpepper, Lake Park, Ga.

The Lord gave me a Scripture reference to the third message before the interpretation was given. Read St. John 15:2, and compare it with the interpretation. Thank God! I want to be fruitful, be purged and be more fruitful. Amen.

I thank God for the privilege of attending the Assembly and for the blessings while there, the memory of them still lingers. Others were blessed also and the Lord manifested Himself in a marvelous way. One day I saw the power and glory of the Lord on and around Brother Tomlinson. I knew it was an anointing for the office he fills. A thought came to me of how the pictures of Jesus show the rays of glory extending from His head and I said, "Lord, I thought this glory belonged to you" and He said, "It does and this is my presence here now." He

gave me to understand that His glory shines from Himself and upon and around the one receiving His blessing. In an instant Brother Tomlinson was quickened by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, for I heard him speak in tongues. It was the same day that the message and interpretation was given which was recorded on page 29 of the Minutes.

Some may doubt and say enough writing has been done already and the Lord does not reveal Himself in such a way. If you doubt ask Jesus for the truth about these things.

I ask all to pray for me that I may be what the Lord wants me to be in the future.

Yours in His service,

D. F. Baldree.

## Wants the Holy Ghost

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been a silent reader of the Evangel. I read the piece about "Feed My Sheep." Oh, it was wonderful. To-day I read the piece, "Remove Not the Ancient Land Mark," by J. O. Hamilton.

I am a Christian. God has blessed me and I trust Him daily but I have not received the Holy Ghost. I have been praying for years to be pure and holy and I believe in holiness. Oh, I could not read God's Word and not believe in holiness. I am a Methodist but one of the old time ones.

I want the prayers of all the true followers of Jesus that are indeed and in truth feeding God's sheep, also the prayers of the true sheep that hear the voice of the good Shepherd. Oh, how I long to go out bold and brave and work for Jesus.

Pray earnestly for my unsaved husband. The prayer of God's children availeth much. Prayer will open the door of heaven. Also pray that my health may be restored and that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your sister,

H. C. G.

## Report

The Church of God at 1630, Federal St., Philadelphia, has just closed their first evangelistic campaign. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in this meeting, one was converted, four received the Holy Ghost and eight were added to the grand old Church of God. Praise God!

Since Jan. 1, 1920, the Lord has helped us build up the membership of the church from forty to fifty-three. The Lord is blessing the work and the church is moving along nicely now. I thank God for revealing His church to His people. It is wonderful! Hallelujah!

We have a number of seekers at the altar and desire the prayers of the saints for them.

C. F. Bright.

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I am glad to report victory through the blood.

I have been a reader of the "Evangel" for one year and I think it the best paper I ever saw. It stands firm for the Bible way.

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost and adding me to the dear Church of God. I am glad I have found the right way.

I was saved when I was twelve years old, joined the Wesleyan church and lived up to all the light I had. When I heard Pentecost preached I was willing to forsake father, sisters, uncles and friends to know more of God so I joined the Pentecost church. A year ago

last December we moved near Hartwell, Ga., with Brother Whitehead. They invited us to go with them to meeting and they told us about the great Church of God and how she stood for the whole Bible rightly divided. At that time I was in a backslidden state on account of not going on and putting on the whole armour of God. People should never stop until they get the Holy Ghost

and then there is no place to stop for this way moves and if we stay in it, we must move too. Glory, I can feel the fire burning as I write.

We began to search the Bible to see if those people were right and we soon found out that there was no other church mentioned in the Bible but the Church of God. I was reclaimed on Jan. 3, 1919, and on the night of Jan. 16, I was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost and He abides in my heart to-day. Glory! Glory! I shall never forget the time the white winged dove came into my heart.

I am glad I am trusting the Lord for my health also. When the children get sick they never call for medicine but call for prayer. I praise God for His healing power. About two weeks ago our little four year old boy stepped on a rusty nail and it stuck almost through his foot. We asked him what he wanted us to do for him and he said, "Don't put anything on it, the Lord will heal it," and He did. It only hurt him a little the first night. We prayed for him and the next morning he went about his play as usual, running and jumping. Oh! how sweet it is to trust in Jesus, it has been sixteen months since any of our family have taken a drop of medicine. I praise God for what faith I have and I am asking for more.

We read where Jude tells us "to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints."

Many people seem to think when they get the Holy Ghost that they have got it all and stop right there and sit down but we need to seek to know more about God and always keep our eyes centered on Him, for if we begin to look at some fault in our brother or sister, we then get our eyes off of Jesus and soon find our selves powerless.

I desire the prayers of all the dear saints of God that I may be what the Lord would have me to be and do the work He has for me to do.

Your sister saved by the blood,

Nettie Hanvey.

## Springville, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name: Dear Name:

I feel impressed this morning by the Holy Ghost to testify through the little "Messenger" for Jesus.

I want to tell what the Lord has done for me. For three weeks I nearly choked to death with a cold. I didn't feel like going to meeting and when I got there I couldn't sing or do anything. But praise God the Lord put His power on a good sister to lay hands on my head, the healing power struck me and the old pain that had me bound left like a flash of lightning. Praise the Lord for His great power. If I were to praise the Lord with every breath, I never could praise Him enough for what He has done for me. Praise the Lord.

I feel the Holy Ghost penetrating through my body this moment. Bless God. The power is on me so strong I can hardly write. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I want every child of God who reads this to pray a special prayer for me. I want to work for the Lord and be a light to the world. I want to help some one to get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

There are hungry souls here and the Lord is working with the people, but when the Lord begins to work then the devil begins to howl but bless the Lord, one can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand to flight.

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## The Glory of God

Ida McCoy

The first chapter of Ezekiel gives a vision of the glory of God. As I sat and listened to the wonderful discourse on the Church of God and her teaching by Brother Llewellyn Nov. 2, something seemed to say "the wheel within the wheel."

I came home and began reading the visions of the prophet. We notice his attitude and his captivity. He was humble and sad to be in bondage, but the hand of the Lord was upon him and a whirl wind came out of the North.

Sometime ago Brother Tomlinson spoke about the cloud or rushing wind, Ezek. 1:4. He tried to explain it in words but they are too shallow to explain it. In verses 5 and 6 we see the living creatures and verses 7-10 describes their appearance "and they turned not when they went." One had the face of a man, one the face of a lion, one the face of an ox and the other, the face of an eagle. See the little Church of God like a lion in her boldness, like an ox in her strength, as an eagle in her swiftness, and in understanding, the five senses of a man joined together going straight forward. "Whither the spirit was to go, they went and they turned not when they went." Their appearance was like burning coals of fire and as lamps. Don't you see the Church of God is like burning coals or lamps bright and shining?

In the appearance of the four in one, don't you see their unity and strength? Their work was a wheel in the middle of a wheel. "When they went, they went upon their four sides," that is the East, West, North and South. She just spread out. What is she doing to-day? In verse 18 it shows the endless ring is something with no end and so high. Who can know the mind of God? It is too wonderful. The eyes are the searching eyes discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart, the Holy Ghost that searcheth out the deep things, yea the hidden things of the heart.

The wheel within the wheel is the spirit in the government. Whithersoever the spirit was to go they went, thither was their spirit to go and the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. The spirit in the government or the church agrees on everything. Whatsoever the government or visible body says do is the spirit of the invisible or the leadings of the Holy Ghost. It takes both to make the Church of God complete. "For the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels." Wheels are something used to carry or roll along so the Church of God is to carry the gospel to the four quarters of the earth. She is to have the boldness of a lion, the strength of an ox, the swiftness of an eagle and in understanding the five senses of a man which are seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling.

Read the 24th verse and remember the second day of Nov. Was it not like the voice of many waters? I praise God for the knowledge of His church and what it takes to make her perfect.

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